



The US FreedomWalk Festival Club  
 Welcomes You to  
**The 2024 Find the LOVE in Beautiful Leesburg – Historic Walk**  
 An AVA Sanctioned Year Round Event



This walk offers a 5 km and a 10 km trail, all on sidewalks. Both are rated 1A. Carry adequate water and use safe COVID practices during the pandemic.

**Walk Registration:**

Registration takes place online using that AVA Online Start Box, on my.ava.org. Follow the instructions provided to create a user account and sign the AVA waiver (one time). Instructions for payment are also included. Download the directions and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods.

**Walk Completion and Walk Credit:**

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account click on the “My Start Box” tab, then the “Finish Table” tab, then click on “Go to Finish Table” button for the event you have completed. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped “virtual” insert cards that you may choose to print out.

**Special Programs:**

- Par for the Course
- Step to the Beat!
- Town Halls/City Halls
- Rails to Trails
- Walking with America’s Veterans
- IVV Americas
- Virginia Cities/Counties (Leesburg/Loudoun)
- Virginia Find the LOVE

**Restrooms:** Available at the Visitor Center when open and at locations within Market Station (when you turn right from the Visitor Center to start, restrooms are through the red door numbered 110). Also at the library when open (~4.5K)

**Note:** This event also has a Physical Start Box. Please use either the Online Start Box (OSB) or Physical Start Box (PSB) to register and complete the event. Do NOT mix and match, for example, by registering using the OSB then completing your event using the PSB nor signing the PSB log sheet. The sponsoring club only receives credit for an OSB participation when an OSB registration has been completed online by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs using the OSB.

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**Starting Point Location:** Outside entrance to Loudoun County Visitor Center at Market Station (lower deck), 112G South St. SE, Leesburg VA 20715, 703-771-2170/800-752-6118. GPS: LAT: 39 06 39 N, LONG: 77 33 36 W.

**Driving Directions:**

**From Washington DC via VA Rt. 7:** Take VA Rt. 7 into Leesburg (becomes Market St); after crossing Catoctin Cir get in left lane; at top of hill bear left, and next intersection, Harrison St., turn left to Visitor Center (see parking below).

**From Washington DC via Rt. 267 (Dulles Toll Rd and Greenway--toll):** Take right exit onto VA Rt. 15 north; left at next light (Plaza St); after crossing Catoctin Circle get in left lane; at top of hill bear left, and next intersection, Harrison St., turn left to Visitor Center (see parking below).

**From I-66 in VA:** Exit 40 toward VA Rt. 15 North. Travel about 21 miles through pleasant Virginia horse country to Leesburg. Rt. 15 becomes S. King St. in Leesburg. Continue straight on S. King St./Business 15 into town. Turn right on Loudoun St. to Market Station across from the parking garage at the corner of Church St. NE and Loudoun St. NE

**From MD:** Take Business Rt. 15 into Leesburg; at Loudoun St (traffic light one block after Courthouse), left; at 2nd street, right on Harrison St. to Visitor Center (see parking below).

**Parking:** Park in either lot on right at either end of Market Station, in the public Church St. lot at the corner of Church St. NE and Loudoun St. NE, or in the parking garage at corner of Church St. NE and Loudoun St. SE (parking garage available to public only on weekends.)

**Food and Drink:** You can't go wrong here. There are numerous restaurants at the start location and along the trail, including a number of pubs. If the Visitor Center is open, ask for recommendations, but we have enjoyed Fireworks Pizza and South Street Under in Market Station and Dog Money Restaurant and Brewery at 50 Catoctin Circle NE.

**5K Directions**

1. With your back to the Visitor's Center at Tuscarora Mill/Market Station, turn → **RIGHT** (Restrooms through red door numbered 110. Note Dairy Barn historical sign.)

*Market Station: collection of historical structures, some original to the site, including a former mill (now the Tuscarora Mill restaurant, rated by residents as the county's most popular) and a railroad station.*

2. At street (South St.), turn ← **LEFT**. At corner (Harrison Street), turn → **RIGHT**, cross street, and continue to W&OD Trail. (At intersection with trail, note **LOVE** sign across Harrison Street where Depot Ct SE intersects.)

3. At W&OD Trail crossing (before Raflo Park sign), turn → **RIGHT** onto trail (**Rails to Trails**)

*The trail follows the former railbed of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad which runs 45 miles from Alexandria to Purcellville. Before and during the Civil War it was known as the Alexandria, Leesburg, and Harrison Railroad. "The skinniest park in Virginia," it was designated a National Recreation Trail in 1987.*

4. Continue straight, crossing two streets. At Dry Mill Road, turn → **RIGHT**.

5. At West Loudoun Street, turn → **RIGHT** for 3 blocks into town. At Wirt Street, turn ← **LEFT** for 2 blocks. (Children's playground at United Methodist church – **Par for the Course**)

*#21 Wirt St NW was the home of Colonel Elijah White, commander of the Laurel Brigade, 42<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Cavalry, during the Civil War*

6. At Cornwall Street, cross and turn ← **LEFT**.

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8. At corner (North Street and Old Waterford Road), cross and turn → **RIGHT** on sidewalk for 1 block. At Wirt Street, cross and turn ← **LEFT** for 1 long block

*At the end of the street the white obelisk ahead of you to the right of the big tree marks Elijah White's grave in Union Cemetery*

9. At Union Street, turn → **RIGHT**

10. At North King Street, turn → **RIGHT** for 2 blocks #205, *Glenfiddich House (nee Harrison Hall) is where Gen Robert E Lee met with his generals a few days before Antietam in September, 1862 (historical marker)*

11. At Cornwall Street, cross Cornwall Street, then turn ← **LEFT** crossing King Street, and then turn → **RIGHT** on left side of North King Street

After #24 (end of white building), **half left** and enter county court complex

12. Go through arch and take path in front of old courthouse

*The old courthouse is the third on this site.*

*Note the Spirit of Loudoun statue dedicated on Veterans Day in 2015. It commemorates the patriots of Loudoun County who fought in the American Revolutionary War and the families that supported them.*

*Across on your right is Lightfoot Restaurant in the former People's National Bank established by Elijah White*

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*In front of you is the downtown post office.*

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15. At Wirt Street Leesburg United Methodist Church is to your left. Continue on Market Street.

*At #107 historical marker for Old Stone Church*

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17. Pass South King Street, continue on Loudoun St. SE

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#7 Loudoun St. SE: 1790 Fendall House, a Greek Revival style building, is one of Leesburg's finest old homes. During the Civil War a Union soldier exiting Patterson House across the street fired at a Confederate soldier exiting this house one Sunday morning.

#18 Loudoun St. SE: Lynch-Tebbs house, 1760-61 Federal style home.

18. At Market Station, turn → **RIGHT** and return to Visitor Center

	<p>In case of Emergency: Dial 911          Event related assistance:          Celia Miner, 571-212-0329</p>
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4. Continue straight, crossing four streets (SW Catoctin Circle is last one). Across intersection (water on left) and between stretching post and historical marker, turn → **RIGHT** and go over bridge into park.

5. At T intersection, turn ← **LEFT** and go almost halfway around small park. At Y intersection, turn ← **LEFT** and take path into development

6. Cross road and continue on path. At fork at clearing, go straight ahead keeping Foxridge Park's ball field and playground on your right (**Par for the Course**)

7. At parking lot, go straight ahead to other side. At far end, take path to corner.

8. At Children's Center Road, cross and go straight, walking on left side of SW Catoctin Circle. At traffic light, (West Market St.), Catoctin Circle becomes Fairview St. NW. Continue straight on paved path on left side of Fairview St NW.

9. At end (Old Waterford Road), turn → **RIGHT** remaining on path. At red brick building inside chain link fence, turn ← **LEFT**, cross road, and take paved path into Ida Lee Park.

*Paved path is lined with native Virginia trees planted in 2015 by the Leesburg Garden Club to commemorate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

10. At second side path (**playground** on left), half right to leave park at Old Waterford Rd. near library (Look

right for Loudoun County VFW Post 1177 **Walking with America's Veterans**) (Restrooms and water in Rust Library during business hours)

11. Continue on sidewalk passing Union Cemetery. Union Cemetery, opened in 1850, contains many graves of soldiers who fought in the Civil War. Beyond the obelisk in the center at the crest of the hill are the graves of unknown Confederate soldiers who died at the Battle of Balls Bluff on Leesburg's northern outskirts where they turned back a Union force moving toward Leesburg on October 21, 1861. Ida Lee Park is Leesburg's largest, containing a recreation center, sports complex, and more.

12. At end of cemetery, turn → **RIGHT** using crosswalk to Ayrlee Avenue. Continue straight on Ayrlee Avenue for 2 blocks.

13. At Morven Park Rd., turn ← **LEFT**. Caution on section without sidewalk. At West Market Street, turn ← **LEFT** and continue into town.

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